beneficiaries covered during last three years in respect of Gujarat under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-matric Scholarships to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students, are given below:

Year	Central Assitance Released (Rs. in lakhs)	Coverage (Number of SC/ST students benefited)
1993-94	357.95	1,49,021
1994-95	767.239	1,09,365
1995-96	762.75	1,23,668 (Provisional)

(c) No claim of State Government of Gujarat towards arrears under the scheme is pending.

(d) Does not arise.

Inclusion of socio-environmental elements in WTO Agenda

196. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government so far in the light of former Prime Minister's concern expressed by him at the last ESCAP summit that developing countries should not allow the developed countries to induct the Socio-Environmental elements in the agenda or objectives of the World Trade Organisation, and not to allow any such elements to be inducted even with thinly veiled intentions, to nullify the comparative advantage that the developing countries enjoy under any such pretext or pretensions; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to bring about a firm consensus on this stand of the Prime Minister, amongst the Developing Nations and with what success so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) The then Prime Minister in his address to the 50th Session of ESCAP in April 5, 1994 had stated that while developing countries and developed countries alike must share action to deal with genuine social and environmental concerns, we shall not countenance any moves to put these concerns on the trade agenda with the thinly veiled intention to nullify the comparative advantage of developing countries.

India, alongwith other interested countries, have successfully opposed moves by some countries to put social concerns on the trade agenda. The WTO is presently discussing the relationship between trade and environment in the Committee on Trade and Environment where India is an active participant. The discussions are at an early stage and do not envisage restrictions on trade in order to achieve environmental objectives.

Incentives for Software Export

197. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives provided by Government for promotion of Software Export; and

(b) the total software exports from India-details, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The incentives provided by the Government under various schemes for promotion of software exports include income tax exemption, special import licence, duty free import of capital goods, corporate income tax holiday, etc.

(b) The State-wise details of software exports during 1995-96 are as under:—

Sl. No.	State	Rs. in crores
1.	Andhra Pradesh	93.13
2.	Delhi	326.33
3.	Gujarat	5.51
4.	Haryana	62.99